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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP(NPW) VISITS TO THE MEDITERRANEAN (U)

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1. WE ARE IN GENERAL ACCORD WITH ASSESSMENT OF YUGOSLAV NPW VISIT STATUS IN REFTEL. WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING THOUGHTS ON NPW VISIT SITUATION-PAST AND FUTURE- TO PROVIDE BROADER PROSPECTIVE ON OUR VIEW OF SUBSEQUENT NPW VISIT OUTLOOK IN YUGOSLAVIA.

2. PRIOR TO YUGOSLAV REJECTION IN MAY 77 OF NAUTILUS VISIT, EMBASSY WAS AWARE OF RELATED PROBLEMS WHICH COULD BEAR ON GOY DECISION ON NPW VISIT. FOR EXAMPLE, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT POSSIBLE EVEN NOW TO ASSESS THE IMPACT OF THEN-UNRESOLVED KRSKO SITUATION ON THE PROPOSED VISIT OF NAUTILUS, IT IS CERTAINLY POSSIBLE THAT THE TWO SUBJECTS COULD HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED IN SOME OFFICIAL CIRCLES TO BE RELATED, TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE NPW VISIT DECISION. MOREOVER, THE DATES OF THE USN PORT VISIT TO DUBROVNIK WHICH INCLUDED THE NPW COINCIDED WITH THE VISIT OF THE FRG TRAINING SHIP GORCH FOCH IN SPLIT, GIVING THE YUGOSLAVS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLAIM INABILITY TO MANAGE PROTOCOL ARRANGEMENTS OF TWO CONCURRENT VISITS. THUS, GOY DISAPPROVAL WAS NOT AS COMPLETELY "UNEXPECTED" AS REFTEL STATES.

3. THE REASON GOY GAVE IN MAY 77 FOR REJECTION OF NPW VISIT WAS THAT THEIR LAW GOVERNING PORT VISITS PROVIDES ONLY FOR FOREIGN NUCLEAR MERCHANT SHIP VISITS. GOY CHOSE TO INTERPRET THE FACT THAT NPW VISITS ARE NOT MENTIONED IN THEIR LAW AS PROHIBITION OF NPW ENTRY INTO YUGOSLAV WATERS. THE ACTUAL REASON FOR THE REJECTION COULD HAVE BEEN KRSKO OR GOY CONCERN WITH THE REQUIREMENT TO  
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ACCORD EQUAL TREATMENT TO SOVIET NPW VISITS, OR BOTH, BUT IN ALL LIKELIHOOD WAS NOT THE ABSENCE OF SPECIFICS ON NUCLEAR POWERED NAVAL VISITS IN THEIR LAW.

4. WE LOOK FORWARD IN THE MONTHS AHEAD TO PROGRESS ON VARIOUS FRONTS WITH YUGOSLAV MILITARY -EG,MK-44 TORPEDO PROGRAM, US VISITS OF COLGEN CEMALOVIC AND COLGEN PHOTOCAR, AND USN SHIP REPAIR IN TIVAT-AS WELL AS CONTINUATION OF NORMAL SCHEDULE OF SHIP VISITS. ALTHOUGH IN THE LONG TERM IT WILL BE APPROPRIATE TO TEST AGAIN TEST THE WATERS OF NPW VISITS, SUCH ACTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE COULD TEND TO OVERLOAD THE LIMITED GOY CIRCUITRY AND COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE OVERALL EFFECT ON MILITARY TO MILITARY RELATIONS. WE RECOGNIZE THE DESIREABILITY OF EXPANDED NPW PORT VISIT ACCESS IN THE MED AND WILL CONTINUE ACTIVELY TO MONITOR THE SITUATION AS REGARDS YUGOSLAVIA. WHEN FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR AN NPW VISIT ARE BRIGHTER, BELIEVE BEST APPROACH WOULD INCLUDE TAKING UNOFFICIAL SOUNDING OF YUGOSLAV NAVY STAFF TO DETERMINE THEIR REACTION PRIOR TO COMMITTING OURSELVES BY SUBMITTING FORMAL VISIT REQUEST.  
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